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The Florida Senate
COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

**APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION, TOURISM, AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT**

**Senator Simpson, Chair
Senator Powell, Vice Chair**

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, November 15, 2017

TIME: 1:00—3:00 p.m.

PLACE: *Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate Office Building*

MEMBERS: Senator Simpson, Chair; Senator Powell, Vice Chair; Senators Benacquisto, Bradley, Gainer, Galvano, Gibson, Rader, Stargel, and Thurston

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS		COMMITTEE ACTION
1	SB 330 Gainer (Identical H 109)	Transportation Facility Designations/Lieutenant Ewart T. Sconiers Highway; Providing an honorary designation of a certain transportation facility in a specified county, etc.		
		TR	10/24/2017 Favorable	
		ATD	11/15/2017	
		AP		
2	Discussion of Impacts on Infrastructure, Current Responses, and Potential Needs and Responses Due to Hurricane Irma			
Other Related Meeting Documents				

The Florida Senate
BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development

BILL: SB 330

INTRODUCER: Senator Gainer

SUBJECT: Transportation Facility Designations/Lieutenant Ewart T. Sconiers Highway

DATE: November 14, 2017 REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Price	Miller	TR	Favorable
2.	McAuliffe	Hrdlicka	ATD	Pre-meeting
3.			AP	

I. Summary:

SB 330 designates the portion of U.S. 90/S.R. 10 between S.R. 285 and N. 9th Street/S.R. 83 in Walton County as “Lieutenant Ewart T. Sconiers Highway” and directs the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to erect suitable markers.

The estimated cost to the FDOT to install the designation markers required under this bill is \$1,000.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2018.

II. Present Situation:

Transportation Facility Designations

Section 334.071, F.S., provides that legislative designations of transportation facilities are for honorary or memorial purposes, or to distinguish a particular facility. Such designations do not require any action by local governments or private parties regarding the changing of any street signs, mailing addresses, or 911 emergency telephone number system listings, unless the legislation specifically provides for such changes.¹

When the Legislature establishes road or bridge designations, the FDOT is required to place markers only at the termini specified for each highway segment or bridge designated by the law creating the designation, and to erect any other markers it deems appropriate for the transportation facility.²

¹ Section 334.071(1), F.S.

² Section 334.071(2), F.S.

The FDOT may not erect the markers for honorary road or bridge designations unless the affected city or county commission enacts a resolution supporting the designation. When the designated road or bridge segment is located in more than one city or county, each affected local government must pass resolutions supporting the designations before installation of the markers.³

Lieutenant Ewart T. Sconiers

Lieutenant Sconiers was born in 1915 and raised in DeFuniak Springs, Florida. He attended the University of Florida before enlisting in the Army on September 16, 1941. He was shot down and captured by the Germans on October 21, 1942. He was imprisoned in German-occupied Poland and passed away there on January 24, 1944. In April of 2017, his remains were found and positively identified. Lieutenant Sconiers will be buried in DeFuniak Springs with full military honors on January 27, 2018.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

The bill designates the portion of U.S. 90/S.R. 10 between S.R. 285 and N. 9th Street/S.R. 83 in Walton County as “Lieutenant Ewart T. Sconiers Highway” and directs the FDOT to erect suitable markers for the described designation.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2018.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

³ Section 334.071(3), F.S.

C. Government Sector Impact:

The estimated cost to erect the designation markers required by this bill is \$1,000, based on the assumptions that two markers are required, and each marker costs the FDOT at least \$500. The estimate includes sign fabrication, installation, and maintenance over time but does not include any additional expenses related to maintenance of traffic, the dedication event, or replacement necessitated by damage, vandalism, or storm events.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Statutes Affected:

The bill creates an undesignated section of Florida Law.

IX. Additional Information:**A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Changes:**

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

B. Amendments:

None.



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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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House

Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and
Economic Development (Gainer) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment

Delete line 18
and insert:
Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming law.

By Senator Gainer

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to transportation facility designations; providing an honorary designation of a certain transportation facility in a specified county; directing the Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Lieutenant Ewart T. Sconiers Highway designated; Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers.-

(1) That portion of U.S. 90/S.R. 10 between S.R. 285 and N. 9th Street/S.R. 83 N. in Walton County is designated as "Lieutenant Ewart T. Sconiers Highway."

(2) The Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable markers designating Lieutenant Ewart T. Sconiers Highway as described in subsection (1).

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.

FHBA

Responds to Hurricane Irma

IT'S ANECDOTAL

- The FHBA analysis that the Florida Building Code worked is anecdotal at this point—
-a forensic study will be forthcoming;
- To assure the code was not deficient, teams of code experts will conduct a forensic examination;
 - If they find failures—note: fallen trees are not a code failure—the next step will be to determine why a failure occurred;
 - Was it built prior to current code? Or was it a workmanship issue?
- If a code failure is found, then adjust code standards.
- This occurred post-2004-05 Hurricanes
 - Water intrusion was a problem so FHBA supported a code change that wasn't in the International Building Code.

THE BUILDING CODE PROCESS WORKS

- The success of the Florida Building Code is much more than implementation of a book of standards;
 - It also relies on inspectors and contractors being trained to a single document so that code compliance is achieved, something that didn't happen until after Hurricane Andrew.

PRESS REPORTS OF THE FLORIDA BUILDING CODE EFFECTIVENESS

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Syd Kitson: Proud to be a Floridian

— by Guest Author



Storms are a fact of life for the 20-plus million that call our state home. Mother Nature reminded us that Hurricane Irma made her on the first major hurricane to make Florida since Wilma in 2005.

Before and after Irma's impact, Floridians responded.

With Gov. Rick Scott's leadership, Florida safely

encouraging. For Irma, teams of building code experts will be conducting a deep dive looking at code performance and will continue to learn and improve, but one thing is for certain, the homes built under the current Florida Building Code performed remarkably well. Special thanks to the leaders of the Florida Home Builders Association and the Association of Florida Community Developers for working to make Florida stronger.

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Homes Built to Stricter Standards Fared Better in Storm

Florida owners benefit from homes built to more-stringent codes: "Tree branches bounced off of our roof. Fine."



Ms. Carr credits the more-stringent building code with saving her home and their lives.

"For anyone who doubts these codes, I invite them to sit in a pre-code structure in a Category 3 storm or higher," she said.

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Stricter Building Codes Saved Florida's Commercial Buildings from Irma's Wrath

Single-family houses bore the brunt of Hurricane Irma's fury.

Patricia Kirk | Sep 29, 2017

"Florida significantly strengthened its defenses after hits from past major hurricanes, and those improvements were instrumental in helping the state weather this potentially devastating storm," Levy notes. "As a result, damage to Florida commercial real estate is relatively minor outside of the Keys."

HOW DID THE CODES PERFORM AFTER IRMA?

- FHBA believes the code passed the test based on preliminary research;
- Solicited opinions from smaller custom builders, firms that market workforce housing, publicly- traded home-building firms and insurance companies.

BARRIERS TO REBUILDING FLORIDA

WORKFORCE ISSUES

- The construction industry was experiencing a shortage of workers before Hurricane Irma (and Harvey);
- Due to the statewide impact of Hurricane Irma (37 counties), the construction industry workforce will be stretched thinner with ongoing rebuilding efforts;
- FHBA along with other statewide construction associations will be seeking legislation this session to create a permanent Workforce Coalition to coordinate and promote careers in construction.

BARRIERS TO REBUILDING FLORIDA

INSURANCE ISSUES

- The Governor's Executive Order allowing contractors to do a re-roof has an insurance glitch;
 - Policies with roofing exclusions will NOT provide coverage for contractors;
 - A separate policy could be written provided the contractor meets underwriting guidelines, however, the guidelines are nearly impossible to meet on a temporary basis;

BARRIERS TO REBUILDING FLORIDA

TRIAGE ISSUES

- In the first few days following the storm, some contractors were unable to mobilize crews to triage houses due to limited access to fuel;
- Additionally, contractors had difficulty locating blue tarps immediately;

THANK YOU

for the opportunity